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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-A-02/4-4380 (ESSENTIAL)	
CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: RESPONSIBLE HEALTH AUTHORITY	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
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PURPOSE:

To identify the authority responsible for provision of health services to the inmates.

POLICY:

1. The Delaware Department of Correction (“DOC”) is responsible for the coordination and provision of health services at all institutions. Such services may be provided through a contracted medical vendor. If the DOC retains any vendor to provide healthcare services, that vendor is responsible for the direct provision of patient care to individual inmates and DOC’s function is to insure proper performance by the vendor.
2. The site Health Services Administrator has responsibility for arranging all levels of healthcare and for providing quality and accessibility of all health services provided to inmates. This on-site administrative manager is responsible for the delivery of contract services, and supervision of personnel and liaison services with the institution.
3. Final medical judgments rest with the site Medical Director. Refer to A-03.
4. Mental health services are provided under the direction of the Mental Health Director and Chief Psychiatrist in co-ordination with the site Medical Director.

References:

National Commission of Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2003, P-A-02
American Correctional Association: Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions, 4th Ed, 2003. 4-4380